

REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 11-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, independent claims 7, 16, 18 and 19 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 7 and 19 can be found in the specification, for example, at pages 2-5. Support for the amendments to claims 16 and 18 can be found in the specification, for example, at page 24, lines 6-8. No new matter is added.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 7-9 and 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,486,866 to Kuwahara et al.¹ This rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-9 and 11-22 are not anticipated by Kuwahara. Kuwahara fails to disclose each and every feature recited in the rejected independent claims 7, 16, 18 and 19, as amended.

In particular, Kuwahara does not teach or suggest an electrooptical device that includes "the particles being colored a first color so as to reflect a color to be reached to a viewer, each of the particles being colored only one color," as recited in independent claims 7 and 19 (emphasis added).

On the contrary, Kuwahara discloses a particle that has two different colors. In particular, Kuwahara discloses small-sized two-color ball electrophoretic particles, each of which is composed of a pair of hemispherical portions that are different from each other in terms of color and charging characteristic (Kuwahara, Abstract). Thus, Kuwahara does not disclose the claimed particle, i.e., a particle that has one color, as recited in independent claims 7 and 19.

¹ The Office Action rejects claims 7-22, however, only claims 7-9 and 11-22 are pending because claim 10 was canceled in the September 14, 2005 Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant believes this to be a typographical error.

Further, Kuwahara does not teach or suggest an electrooptical device that includes a first particle and a second particle wherein "a charge of the first particle being inverse of a charge of the second particle," as recited in independent claims 16 and 18 (emphasis added).

As discussed above, Kuwahara, instead, discloses a single particle that has two different charging characteristics. Thus, Kuwahara does not disclose the claimed (single) particle that has an inverse charge than a respective (single particle), as recited in independent claims 16 and 18.

Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claims 7, 16, 18 and 19 are patentable over Kuwahara. Further, claims 8, 9, 11-15, 17 and 20-22, which variously depend from the independent claims, are also patentable over Kuwahara for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features recited therein. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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